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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0754

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY RABAT PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI PRIORITY

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E.O.: 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, ASEC, TS, BE

SUBJ: GUNMAN SEIZES HOSTAGES AT BELGIAN EMBASSY TUNIS

SHORTLY AFTER 1100 LOCAL TIME NOVEMBER 10, GUNMAN SEIZED BELGIAN COUNSELOR EDMOND DE WILDE AND REPORTEDLY THREE OTHER HOSTAGES AND IS HOLDING THEM IN BELGIAN EMBASSY. BUILDING SURROUNDED BY LARGE NUMBER OF TUNISIAN POLICE AND NATIONAL GUARD. REGULAR POLICE CONTACTS ARE UNAVAILABLE AND PRESUMABLY AT THE SCENE. THEREFORE, ANY INFORMATION WE HAVE AT THIS POINT IS SECOND OR THIRD HAND. GUNMAN REPORTEDLY ACTED ALONE. AFTER DEMANDING MONEY AND BEING REFUSED GE PRODUCED A "MACHINE GUN" AND SEIZED HOSTAGES. ACCORDING ONE REPORT HE HAS WIFE IN BELGIUM AND IS PRESUMABLE TUNISIAN NATIONAL.

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